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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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NORTH DAKOTA

(North Dakota) Improperly disposed radioactive oil field waste found in ND.

North Dakota Division of Waste Management officials discovered up to 100 filter socks used to strain liquids in the oil production process illegally stored in a facility used by Green Diamond Environmental Trucking Services, LLC near Williston March 12. Cleanup is scheduled to begin March 13.

<http://kfgo.com/news/articles/2015/mar/13/improperly-disposed-radioactive-oil-field-waste-found-in-nd/>

(North Dakota) Nearly 1.7K gallons of brine spill in Williams County. The North Dakota Department of Health announced March 9 that a truck overflow caused about 1,680 gallons of brine to spill in Williams County and affect a nearby creek. Officials worked on a remediation plan and are investigating the impact of water quality. <http://www.kxnet.com/story/28348307/nearly-17k-gallons-of-brine-spill-in-williams-county>

(North Dakota) Boil order in effect for people in Divide, Burke counties.

Residents of communities in Divide and Burke counties have been told to boil tap water or use bottled water after a break in a Western Area Water Supply Authority pipeline. The state Health Department issued the boil order Sunday. It's in effect until further notice for communities including Crosby, Fortuna, Noonan and Columbus. http://www.wahpetondailynews.com/boil-order-in-effect-for-people-in-divide-burke-counties/article_480a1bce-cbe4-11e4-9c0f-b7a1d2ae9aff.html

(North Dakota) North Dakota officials are monitoring a breach at Tolna dam.

Officials with the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services informed Emergency Managers downstream that there is a breach in the structure at the Tolna Dam which holds approximately 2,000 acre feet of water.

<http://www.valleynewslive.com/home/headlines/North-Dakota-officials-are-monitoring-a-dam-breach-296249561.html>

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) Raw sewage spills into Lost Lake again. The Metropolitan Council of Mahtomedi, Minnesota, reported March 10 that between 25 to 40 thousand

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gallons of raw sewage leaked from a busted pipe into Lost Lake March 9 and officials placed warning signs around the lake warning residents about high levels of bacteria after initial tests. The council permanently shut down the broken pipe and rerouted water to a new sewer line.

<http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/03/10/raw-sewage-spills-into-lost-lake-again/24744609/>

(Montana) Oil shipments to resume in pipeline that broke beneath Montana river; cleanup still on hold. Bridger Pipeline LLC announced March 11 that the company is preparing to resume oil shipments through a pipeline that broke and discharged 30,000 gallons of crude into Montana's Yellowstone River in January, causing the water supply to the city of Glendive to be temporarily contaminated. The company stated that efforts to remove oil from the river will resume once it is clear of ice.

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/693ed04fd0264135825d7bd374482838/US--Pipeline-Spill>

(Wisconsin) Two in custody after bomb scare in Roberts. Police found a homemade explosive device and two suspects are in custody after investigating a suspicious vehicle located outside a Frito-Lay distribution center in Roberts, Wisconsin, prompting the relocation of Daisy Hill Early Learning's 4k classes to a nearby elementary school March 10. A secured perimeter was placed around several businesses and a portion of Highway 12 was closed for 2 hours while police investigated and the Marathon County bomb squad rendered the device safe. <http://www.rivertowns.net/news/region/3696442-update-traffic-re-opens-roberts-after-bomb-scare>

(Montana) Scabies outbreak at Montana Women's Prison. Activities and visitation at Montana Women's Prison in Billings were suspended March 9 while the prison was placed under quarantine due to a scabies outbreak. The prison is undergoing decontamination through March 13 while 34 inmates were reassigned to other units.

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/story/news/local/2015/03/12/scabies-outbreak-montana-womens-prison/70239180/>

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(North Dakota) U.S. Oil Storage Issue Could Impact North Dakota. The US is running out of places to store all of the oil it's producing. The next sixty days are critical. Lynn Helms says the US is overproducing oil by about a million barrels a day. <http://www.wdaz.com/news/3698155-us-oil-storage-issue-could-impact-north-dakota>

(National) Fake IRS agents target 366,000 in massive tax scam. An official at the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced March 12 that over 3,000 victims have lost \$15.5 million in a tax scam targeting over 366,000 nationwide, in which scammers purporting to be Internal Revenue Service agents call taxpayers claiming that they owe taxes and must pay or risk arrest, deportation, or the loss of a business or driver's license. Two individuals in Florida have been arrested in connection to the scheme. <http://www.nbcnews.com/business/consumer/fake-irs-agents-target-366-000-massive-tax-scam-n322201>

(National) In Ferguson, a night of political theater, protest and peace. Facing off across the very spot where two St. Louis-area police officers were wounded by gunfire less than 24 hours earlier, police and protesters engaged in a long evening of stare-downs and posturing late Thursday. <http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-ferguson-vigil-20150312-story.html#page=1>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) Intel Security launches new critical infrastructure security platform. Intel Security announced the Intel Security Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) platform, developed in a joint project with Wind River, designed to protect new and legacy infrastructure within electric power grids by separating security management functions of the platform from operational applications, enhancing device identity, malware, data protection, and resiliency. The company stated that CIP can be leveraged across multiple industries and uses. <http://www.securityweek.com/intel-security-launches-new-critical-infrastructure-security-platform>

(International) ISIS leader purportedly accepts Boko Haram's pledge of allegiance. In an audio message purportedly from an ISIS spokesman, the group

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announced that a pledge of allegiance from Nigerian-based Boko Haram has been accepted by ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/03/12/middleeast/isis-boko-haram/>

(International) **Suspected US Department of Defense hacker arrested in UK.** The British National Crime Agency arrested an individual that is believed to be responsible for breaching the U.S. Department of Defense's Enhanced Mobile Satellite Services communication system in June 2014, in the U.K. March 4. The suspect allegedly gained access to contact details and phone numbers of 800 individuals and the International Mobile Station Equipment Identity (IMEI) codes for about 34,400 devices in the 2014 breach.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Suspected-US-Department-of-Defense-Hacker-Arrested-in-UK-475120.shtml>

(International) **FBI investigates possible ISIS supporters' hack of Western sites.** The FBI is investigating after hackers claiming to be affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) placed black flags attributed with the group, the words "hacked by ISIS, we are everywhere," an invalid Facebook address, and an Adobe Flash audio plugin that played a song in Arabic on several U.S. Web sites over the weekend of March 7. Some of the businesses targeted during the attack include a speedway in Ohio, a Goodwill store and digital agency in Missouri, a historic condominium complex in New York, a zoo in California, and restaurants in Minnesota, Massachusetts, and Ohio. <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/hackers-claiming-be-isis-hit-montana-credit-union-n319696>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(National) **Key player in \$5M ATM bank card scheme found guilty.** A Chicago man was convicted March 10 for his role in an ATM bank card skimming scheme in which he and up to 16 other suspects installed card-reading devices and pinhole cameras on ATMs in New Jersey and elsewhere, and created thousands of phony ATM cards that they used to withdraw more than \$5 million from customer bank accounts.

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2015/03/key_player_in_5m_atm_bank_card_scheme_found_guilty.html

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CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

(North Dakota) Chemical Spill Evacuates NDSU Research Building. No injuries, but plenty of commotion, after a chemical spill at a North Dakota State University research building Friday morning. Fargo Fire officials say a student and a researcher were working in a lab when they accidentally knocked over a bottle of a chemical. <http://www.valleynewslive.com/home/headlines/Chemical-Spill-Evacuates-NDSU-Research-Building-296222281.html>

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(International) Rapala recalls StrikeMaster ice augers due to injury hazard. Normark Corporation, doing business as Rapala USA, issued a recall March 6 for about 3,000 StrikeMaster Lithium Lazer Ice Augers sold at several sporting goods stores in the U.S., from September 2014-January 2015 due to a potential trigger switch failure that could result in the device not powering off, posing an injury hazard. http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Rapala-Recalls-StrikeMaster-Ice-Augers/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=Recalls+RSS

(International) Efco expands recall of gas trimmers due to fire hazard. Comet USA issued a recall March 10 for about 1,900 efco Gas Trimmers sold in the U.S. and 200 units sold in Canada due to an issue that could cause the muffler on the engine to break during use, posing a fire hazard. The product was sold at authorized efco dealers and Menard retail stores nationwide and via Web-based sales from June 2009 to July 2014. http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/efco-Expands-Recall-of-Gas-Trimmers/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=Recalls+RSS

(International) Hacking Nest Thermostat. TrapX Labs

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researchers proved vulnerability in the Nest Learning Thermostat that was first presented at the Black Hat 2014 conference by compromising the device within TrapX's Advanced Test Bed Facility, then providing real-world validation by compromising a device that was installed in a participant's home network. The researchers were able to use the device as an initial point of attack to gain access to the entire home network, allowing them to track users' Internet activity, access private credentials, and use the thermostat's data to determine whether or not anyone was at the home. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18062>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(California) Rescue equipment worth \$200K stolen from closed San Bernardino Fire Station. The San Bernardino Fire Department reported March 7 that rescue equipment worth \$200,000 was stolen from a closed fire station in the city after crews noticed the lock was tampered with while they were picking up equipment for training. <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2015/03/07/rescue-equipment-worth-200k-stolen-from-closed-san-bernardino-fire-station/>

ENERGY

(New Mexico) \$38K of equipment taken from power plant substation. Officials in Eddy County reported a power plant substation burglary on NM 31 where thieves stole about 4,000 feet of copper wire and several other tools worth an estimated \$38,835 after gaining access to the substation by cutting the lock. http://www.currentargus.com/carlsbad-news/ci_27676653/38k-equipmenttaken-from-power-plant-substation

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Arkansas) Suspected bird flu case found in Arkansas poultry, USDA says. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported March 10 that a suspected case of avian influenza has been identified in poultry in Arkansas, and warned the State's

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turkey producers to be on high alert for the virus. Cases of the H5N2 strain of avian influenza have been confirmed in Minnesota and Missouri during the past week. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/10/birdflu-arkansas-idUSL1N0WC2XF20150310>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Florida) Florida's top law agency investigating cyberattack on school standardized testing program. The Florida Department of Education Commissioner reported March 9 that the State's new online standardized test was the target of a cyber-attack March 5, causing issues with log-ins and prompting computer screens to turn white. The vendor providing the test notified officials of the attack and authorities are continuing to investigate. <http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/185bca9f8e144d37a57f2aac2365594b/FL--School-Testing>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Two arrested in the largest data breach in the US. Two men were arrested for their roles in what authorities are calling the largest data breach in U.S. history, in which the suspects allegedly made millions of dollars between 2009-2012 by stealing over 1 billion email addresses from 8 U.S. email service providers and used their distribution platforms to send millions of spam emails containing links to Web sites that promoted products through affiliated marketing activities. Authorities continue to search for a third suspect connected to the scheme. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Two-Arrested-in-the-Largest-Data-Breach-in-the-US-475156.shtml>

(International) 2,400 unsafe mobile apps found in average large enterprise. Veracode researchers found that hundreds of thousands of mobile applications installed in corporate environments across multiple industries revealed the average global enterprise contains approximately 2,400 unsafe applications in its mobile environment, including apps that expose sensitive data, perform suspicious security actions, or retrieve or share personal information about users. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18075>

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(International) Self-deleting malware targets home routers to gather information. Trend Micro researchers identified malware called VICEPASS that infects users' systems via a fake Adobe Flash update, connects to their home routers using a predefined list of usernames and passwords, and attempts to spread to every device on their networks before sending information to a command-and-control (C&C) server and deleting itself. The researchers believe that the malware could be a reconnaissance tool for larger campaigns.

<http://www.scmagazine.com/malware-that-connects-to-home-routers-deletes-itself-without-a-trace/article/403050/>

(International) Forget viruses: Evil USB drive 'fries laptops with a power surge'.

A Russian security researcher revealed a vulnerability with USB sticks which could potentially overload and damage a PC's sensitive inner electronics by using an inverted direct current to direct current (DC-DC) converter and some capacitors through a foreign Web site, causing the USB to malfunction.

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/03/12/usb_drive_fry_your_laptop/

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Indiana) St. Mary's: Patient information compromised in email hack. St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville, Indiana, reported March 7 that it notified about 4,400 patients of a January breach after hackers gained access to patients' personal and health information contained in the emails of several hospital employees. The hospital shut down the email accounts and are continuing to investigate the incident. http://www.courierpress.com/news/local-news/st-marys-patient-information-compromised-in-email-hack_64108117

(Michigan; Texas; Ohio) 11 charged in Blue Cross ID theft, fraud. Officials announced March 10 that 11 individuals from Michigan, Texas, and Ohio were charged with identify theft and credit card fraud after a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan employee allegedly shared screenshots of 5,514 subscriber profiles with the group, who used the personal information to apply for credit cards, gift cards, and to purchase merchandise at retailers.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/2015/03/10/charged-theft-blue-cross-subscriber-info/24711063/>

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TRANSPORTATION

(North Dakota) BNSF Exec Says Person Too Close to Tracks Causes Train Uncoupling. Around eight railway workers were on scene of this BNSF train near 4th street in downtown Bismarck.

Workers on scene say two cars had been uncoupled, but they were working to fix the issue. <http://www.kxnet.com/story/28399730/railway-workers-on-scene-to-fix-uncoupled-bnsf-train-cars>

WATER AND DAMS

Nothing Significant to Report

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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